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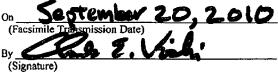
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 19, 2010 in connection with the present application, please consider the following:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.